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- 1. The terminal date of 1 October 1951 for the induction of recruits from the 1951 contingent was postponed to 1 November 1951. The necessity for the farmers to complete unfinished agricultural work was responsible for the postponement. The two-year term of service of the 19/9 enlisted contingent, which was supposed to end in September 1951, was extended until 21 October 1951, supposedly so that the troops could take refresher courses. Actually, the real reason was that the Army Day celebrations of 6 October 1951 would have been ruined by the release of old troops and the draft of new recruits.
- 2. Hinister of National Defense Alexej Cepicka announced in his order of September 1951 that as of that date, recruit contingents would include younger enlistees, i.e., 19-year-olds in 1952 and 18-year-olds at a later date.
- 3. In September 1951 County Military Commands cancelled the deferments of a large number of college students and inducted them into the Army. Nost of the students were from the law faculties. The Hinistry of National Defense attempted to recruit students for the Military Medical College at Hradec Mralove (051/671) or the College of Engineering at Brno. Students who refuse to enter these schools may lose their draft deferments. Czechoslovak Youth Union (CSII) organizations in colleges were delegated by the military authorities to provide cadre opinions concerning the political reliability of the students.
- 4. In response to orders of the County Military Commands, factories now list all personnel who are considered indispensable and all workers who may be taken into compulsory military training in the event of mobilization. Selection is influenced greatly by the NSC.
- 5. The screening of reserve officers, NCOs, and troops, which began in July 1951, continued all through September. The speed with which the screening took place indicated that the District Military Commands were attempting to finish by the end of September 1951 as scheduled. There is little chance, however, that the screening will be completed until the end of 1951.

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